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DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification is unfortunate for everyone concerned – participants, advisors, and event managers. To avoid unnecessary disappointment, keep in mind the five causes for disqualifications:

1. **Failure to send regional, state and national dues to the state FCCLA office by December 20 (postmark date).** The organization counts on membership dues to make opportunities available to members.
2. **Failure to be on time for event presentation.** Participants are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled event presentation.
3. **For Culinary Arts participants only:** Failure to attend participant orientation.
4. **Participation in any behavior that negatively affects the management of STAR Events or failure to display a positive image of the FCCLA organization before, during or after participation may result in disqualification of student(s) or adult(s) and/or eligibility of the student(s) and/or adult(s). The penalty is determined by the Missouri State Executive Council.**

EVENT CATEGORIES

1. An event category is determined by the participant's current or previous enrollment in family and consumer sciences course work and grade in school during the school year preceding the National Leadership Meeting.
2. Event categories are defined as:
Junior – FCCLA chapter members through grade 9;
Senior – FCCLA chapter members in grades 10-12; who are identified as *comprehensive* members on the affiliation form.
Occupational – FCCLA chapter members in grades 10-12; who have been or are currently enrolled in *occupational* family and consumer sciences related course work; and who are identified as *occupational* on the affiliation form.
3. A *team* composed of both junior (through grade 9) and senior (grades 10-12) *comprehensive* or *occupational* members must enter the senior category.
4. A *team* composed of both senior (grades 10-12) *comprehensive* and *occupational* (grades 10-12) members must enter the senior category.
5. A *team* composed of both junior (through grade 9) and *occupational* (grades 10-12) members must enter the senior category.
6. Any change in membership status must be reported by the December 20 deadline.
7. No project can be entered in more than one category of a single event, or in more than one event. However, projects entered in any event may be included in the Chapter Showcase event.

POINT DEDUCTIONS

The following infractions, if applicable, will result in point deductions from the total average score:

1. **Failure to attend STAR Events Participant Registration.** Registration is the only way to provide participants with the information needed for STAR Events. Regional STAR Events coordinators may require individual participants to sign in, or they may allow advisors to sign in for participants. Be sure to follow their specific instructions. State STAR Events participants' advisors will be responsible for registering STAR Events participants, picking up packets and distributing the information. National STAR Events participants must follow the registration instructions as cited in the *National FCCLA STAR Events Manual*.
2. **Failure to turn in a participant *file folder* containing required event materials at the designated participation time.** This rule pertains to the following events: Illustrated Talk, Interpersonal Communications and National Programs in Action.
3. **Failure to turn in a participant portfolio or manual containing required event materials at the designated participation time.** This rule pertains to the following events: Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project Manual, Chapter Showcase Manual, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, and Job Interview.
4. **Failure to follow *dimension* rules for *displays*/containers.** This rule pertains to displays/containers in the following events: Chapter Service Project Display, Chapter Showcase Display, Early Childhood and Focus on Children.
5. **Failure to follow page rules or number of copies for *planning process* sheet, summary pages, title pages, written summaries, *portfolios*, *manuals*, *business plans*, *presentation outlines*, *proof of presentation* or participant *file folder* information.** This rule pertains to items in the following events: Applied Technology, Career Investigation, Chapter Service Project Manual, Chapter Showcase Manual, Early Childhood, Entrepreneurship, Focus on Children, Hospitality, Illustrated Talk, Interpersonal Communications, Job Interview, and National Programs in Action. Information in all sets will be reviewed and counted.
6. **Failure to follow specific event guidelines not listed in any other criteria (e.g. setup, take down, use of *props*, *pointers*, *visuals*, wall space, etc. when not allowed).**
7. **Failure to use letter size *file folders* and to include the following information typed or written on an upper left corner, when viewed with the folder in a horizontal position:** name of STAR Event and event category, participant's name(s), state and region. (For regional and state STAR Events, use the appropriate Missouri FCCLA region (1-13). For national STAR Events, use the national region. Missouri is in the Central region.)

AWARD DECISIONS

The decisions of the evaluators are final.